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Brother Harrison

I thought
I would write you a few lines
this morning as I have nothing
else to busy myself about
while the Doctor makes ^{his} morning
visits through his wards.

I came down from Camp last
evening and stayed here all
night. I had a good bed to
sleep in which I have not
had before in a long time.
I think I slept at the rate of

about fifteen knots an hour.
It rained awful hard all night
and I think I should have got
some wet if I had remained in
camp. The Grand Review is
to take place here in the city
on the 23rd & 24th the troops are
to march up Penn Avenue.
After that is through with we
probably will be mustered out.
I hope so for I never have
been so lonesome since I have
been in the service as I have since
I have been here. For we know that
there is nothing more to be done
and it is all fold der of keeping
us laying about here doing
nothing. only once in a while
we have to "harness up" and go out
on a parade or review to show
our selves to some of these
Washington shoulder straps or

"Government Beats". We had
a Division review last week
by Gen Wilcox. our old Com-
mander "Phil" was present. He
looks as gay as ever. I tell
^{you} our boys gave him some awful
churs! I don't think that our
Division will have to go on this
Grand review as the paper has
just come in. and it contains
the order from the War Dept.
it says the Army of the Potomac
Georgia Tennessee and Sheridan
Cavalry.

I did not have time to finish
this Letter while I was at the Hospital
the doctor gave me a pass from the
Hosp to go to the City. so I went down
and visited the Capitol. the Dr could
not go for ^{he is} ~~was~~ Officer of the day to
day. I travelled about the Capitol till
got tired out. and then did not go
more than half through it. I tell ^{you it is}

an awful big pile of Marble
to be got to gether, it does not hardly
seem possible, that such a structure
could be made by men,

I wanted to visit the Patent-Office
and also the Smithsonian
institute but could not. will
have to take another day for
it. I recd your letter of the
7th. I spoke to the Doctor about
writing to you. he said he believed
he owed you one or two. he probably
will write to you soon.

Give my love to all and write
soon.

I remain your Affect-
Brother

John A. Brand